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"The following curious notes on the habits of some of the fauna of Tasmania were related to Milligan by the aborigines:

'Wombat (Phascolomys Vombatus). --The aborigines of Tasmania state that, though this animal often crosses streams of water, it never does so by swimming, however deep they may be; but that it walks along the bottom of the water channel from the side at which it enters to that where it emerges.

'Hyoena (Thylacinus cynocephalus). --The aborigines report that this animal is a most powerful swimmer; that in swimming he carries his tail extended, moving it as the dog often does, and that the nose, eyes, and upper portion of the head are the only parts usually seen above water.

'Snakes. --The aborigines inform me that snakes often climb lofty trees in order to plunder the nests of parrakeets and feed upon their young; and that when disturbed, they drop from a great height, and move off apparently uninjured by the fall. They say that snakes often feed, and even gorge themselves, upon the fruit of the native currant tree (when dead ripe). The aborigines describe a tail-less snake whose bite is they say most deadly' (Papers, Roy. Soc. Van Diemen's Land, 1852, p. 310).

'One of the aborigines of Tasmania reports having often discovered the nest of the Echidna setosa, porcupine or ant-eater of the colony; that on several occasions one egg had been found in it, and never more' (Proc. Roy. Soc. Van Diemen's Land, I. p. 178)."